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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 BAGHDAD 1227/1

ONLY FOR FSO-2 MARSHALL W. WILEY ON CONSULTATIONS NEA/ARN
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 3 FROM KILLOUGH

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFSP, IZ
SUBJ: RECENT POST ACTIVITIES FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION BY WILEY

INTRODUCTION:

1. THIS HAS BEEN SLOWEST MONTH ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SCENE DURING MY 19 MONTHS IN BAGHDAD. MOST OF OUR KEY CONTACTS HAVE EITHER BEEN PREPARING FOR COLOMBO OR AT COLOMBO. ADMINISTRATIVELY, WE HAVE HOUSED RON PERCIVAL, REPAIRED OUR CARS HIT BY ARMY TRUCK, HAD MINOR FIRE AT ALLEN KEISWETTER'S, FINISHED DIFFERENTIAL REPORT AND GENERALLY MOVED TOWARDS RELATIVELY NORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSTURE. TOM FLESHER'S HHE AND AUTO ARE AT ABU GHRAIB AND SHOULD BE CLEARED WITHIN ONE WEEK. CONSULAR WORKLOAD HAS BEEN HEAVY BUT HANDLED WITH DISPATCH. WE HAVE HAD VIGOROUS REPRESENTATIONAL PROGRAM DESIGNED TO LAUNCH NEW OFFICERS AND HAVE SOUGHT DOLLARS 400 MORE MONEY. OUR STRONG THANKS TO NEA FOR UNSTINTING SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS TO SET UP NORMAL OPERATION. GREATLY APPRECIATE DAVID REUTHER'S RECENT OFFICIAL INFORMALS. HOPE HE KEEPS UP THE PACE. I PARTICULARLY COMMEND TIRELESS ACTIVITIES OF JOHN DIEFFENDERFER.

2. WHEREVER POSSIBLE WE HAVE, IN WHAT FOLLOWS, CITED RELEVANT CABLES (USING "B" FOR "BAGHDAD") WITHOUT COMMENT. URGE YOU, AS TIME PERMITS, TO READ ALL MESSAGES CITED AND TAKE ACTION YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. END INTRODUCTION.

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3. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION: PROGRESS ON "NORMALIZATION" OF POST'S

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATION AND PROCEDURES CONTINUE.
WE HAVE HITHERTO INTRACTABLE HURDLE OF OBTAINING CEMENT
BAGS FOR TOP FLOOR STRESS TEST MAY HAVE BEEN OVERCOME AND,
IF WE GET LOAN OF BAGS WITHIN WEEK AS PROMISED, WE WILL BE
ABLE TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY ON OBTAINING ESTIMATES FOR RENOVATIONS.

OUR "CHASTITY BELT" FOR SENSITIVE DISCUSSION ROOM WAS RECEIVED
AUGUST 6 (WE AWAIT INSTALLATION INSTRUFZIONS). ASR HAS ALSO
BEEN RECEIVED FOR PREPARING TAPES OF OUTGOING UNCLASSIFIED
TELEGRAMS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECONFIRMED THAT OC/S IS
RELUCTANT (STATE 197936), DUE TO FORMER OCCUPANTS OF BUILDING,
TO SEND HW-28 TO BAGHDAD FOR USE IN PROCESSING INCOMING AND
OUTGOING CLASSIFIED MESSAGES. THEY CONTINUE TO STRESS THAT
CCC RENOVATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SHIELDED ENCLOSURE
INSTALLED.

IN MEANTIME, LLOYD STEVENSON IS ASSISTING JOHN DIEFFENDERFER
IN SOME ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECTS (MAINLY FBO LEASED AND OWNED
PROPERTY COMPUTER PRINT-OUT FORM DATA WHICH IS ON OUR "MUST
FOR NORMALIZATION"LIST).

MFA NOTE WAS RECEIVED AUGUST 25 ADVISING US THAT NEW LICENCE
NUMBERS FOR AUTOS WILL BE ISSUED TO USING BAGHDAD UTILIZING
OUT OLD (PRE-1967) "SEVENTEEN" SERIES INSTEAD OF BEING
INCLUDED ON THE BELGIAN "TEN"SERIES OF PLATES. I HAVE
INFORMED BELGIAN AMBASSADOR.

TOM FLESHER IS STILL DUE IN MID-SEPTEMBER. DIEFFENDERFER AND
HE HAVE EXCHANGED LETTERS AND, IF FLEESHER TAKES A FEW DAYS
CONSULTATIONS IN KUWAIT ON HIS WAY (WHICH HE PROBABLY SHOULD
CONSIDERING THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVE FROM THEM) WE WOULD EXPECT
HIM ABOUT SEPTEMBER 14 OT 15. DIEFFENDERFER IS TENTATIVELY
PLANNING DEPARTURE FOR TEN DAYS AFTER FLESHER'S ACTUAL ARRIVAL
BUT NOT MAKING ANY FIRM PLANS.

WE HAD ELECTRICAL FIRE AT THE KEISWETTER RESIDENCE CAUSING
MAJOR DAMAGE TO GUEST BEDROOM AND WATER/SMOKE DAMAGE TO OTHER
PARTS OF HOUSE. THERE IS A TELEGRAM IN DRAFT FORM ADVISING THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE COSTS, ETC., NOW.

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THE ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE IRAQI ARMY TRUCK AND OUR VEHICLES
IS BEING WRITTEN UP INTO A FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE REQUESTING
REIMBURSEMENT FOR FUNDS SPENT (REPAIRS, TOWAGE, ETC.), PAYMENT
FOR PAUL SALEH'S TOTAL OPEL AND FUNDS TO REPAIR THE DODGE
(TOO EXPENSIVE TO ADVANCE FUNDS FROM OUR LIMITED TQ FUNDS.)

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ONLY FOR FSO-2 MARSHALL W. WILEY ON CONSULTATIONS NEA/ARN
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 3 FROM KILLOUGH

SOME ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAMS OF NOTE:

A. B-1076 AND 1115; USINT FSL WAGE SURVEY AND OUR REQUEST FOR COPY
OF INTERAGENCY HANDBOOK ON LOCAL COMPENSATION FOR USE IN A
RESURVEY. QUERY: WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL REACTION AND
DEPARTMENT'S TO SOLUTION PROPOSED IN PARA 5 OF B-1076?

B. B-1069; NOTIFICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.
FOLLOW-UP WILL BE DONE AFTER MFA NOTE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

C. B-1054; TIMING OF KATTOUF ARRIVAL AND KILLOUGH DEPARTURE
(SEE ALSO STATE 201514 AND 208553).

D. B-1189; INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CENTER (ICC) BAGHDAD RATES
ANS SCHEDULING. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT WILEY, KILLOUGH
AND FLESHER CHILDREN HAVE PLACES RESERVED BUT ARE CONSIDERING
ADVANCING TUITION PAYMENT SO AS TO GUARANTEE THIS.

E. B-1165; FY-1977 FIELD BUDGET JUSTIFICATIONS. WIGHT SHEETS
OF JUSTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY REGISTERED OFFICIAL
MAIL.

F. B-1131; USINT BANK ACCOUT.

G. B-1205; ADDITIONAL T.Q. FUND REQUIREMENTS. YOU MAY WISH
TO REVIEW WITH NEA/EX/B OUR SUBMISSION AND ADD/DELETE ITEMS
AND ADJUST PRIORITIES AS YOU SEE FIR.

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H. B-1202 AND 1203; ON BAGHDAD CHANDERY SECURITY RENOVATIONS
AND NOB.

4. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL: GOI "HOLD" ON MOST MAJOR PROJECTS
FURTHER SLOWED USUAL SLACK PACE OF GOI ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
ACTIVITIES SURING SUMMER. ALLEN KEISWETTER HAS BEGUN ROUND OF
CALLS WITHIN PETROLEUM ESTABLISHMENT. HE WILL ALSO VISIT
TEHRAN TRADE CENTER AND TALK MAJOR PROJECTS AUGUST 28-
SEPTEMBER 2.

BELOW ARE LISTED SOME ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS OF NOTE
FOR YOU POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP IN WASHINGTON:

A. B-1055; TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR ON ENGERY PROGRAMS (NOVEMBER
8-11) IN BELGRADE.

B. B-1060; MARKETS FOR TECHNOLOGY FOR RECYCLED POULTRY WASTE
AS NUTRIENT FOR CATTLE. JACK STUART VISITED BELGRADE (PKB
FARM), BUT WE DO NOT KNOW THE RESULTS OF HIS TALKS THERE.
THIS COULD BE SEMINAL AND BIG. SUGGEST YOU PHONE HIM FOR
UPDATE AT 601-732-6341.

C. B-1073; PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CHEMICAL IOGA MISSION
(OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 5).

D. B-1080 AND 1084; FEBRUARY WATER RESOURCES SPECIALIZED TRADE
MISSION. WE QUESTION MIX OF COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED
(IRAQ, UAE, SAUDI ARABIA) AND WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATED
STATUS REPORT.

E. B-1086; U.S. CHICKENS WELL RECEIVED IN IRAQI MARKETS
(NATIONAL BROILER MARKETING ASSOCIATION). SUGGEST YOU PHONE
BOB ANTHONY AT 601-956-4121 TO SEE IF ANY UNUSUAL PROBLEMS
ARE DEVELOPING.

F. B-1106; RECENT PETROLEUM DEVELOPEMENTS IN IRAQ. QUERY:
IS TIME RIPE (PARA 3) FOR USG "OVERTURES" TO GOI ON OIL?

G. B-1141; TRAVEL OF DANIEL SHEPPARD (OCTOBER 2-5). SUGGEST
TELEPHONE SHEPPARD AT USDA/FAS AND DEVELOPE FEELING FOR
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WHAT HIS GOALS ARE.

H. STATE-210037; USDA/FAS RICE SPECIALIST LEE SCHATZ PLANS

VISIT BAGHDAD SEPTEMBER 14-15 TO DISCUSS PRODUCTION PROSPECTS.

I. B-1188; JAPAN AND IRAQ: OIL AND MONEY.

J. B-1223; MAJOR PROJECT/EARLY WARNING: TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
AND CABLES.

5. POLITICAL/CONSULAR/CULTURAL: CONSULAR WORKLOAD FOR MONTHS
OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST HAS INCREASED 150 PERCENT OVER THE
COMPARABLE PERIOD FOR 1975 (E.G. JULY VISA APPLICATIONS WERE
431 IN 1975; 997 IN 1976).

AS POL/CONS/CUL OFFICER WILL INEVITABLE BE REQUIRED TO CON-
CENTRATE ON CONSULAR WORK DURING THESE THREE MONTHS IN 1977,
YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH DEPARTMENT TDY ASSISTANCE (ONE
OFFICER) FOR CONSULAR SECTION. ONLY REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE IS
TO PLAN FOR NO RPT NO POLITICAL OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES BY
POL/CONS/CUL OFFICER DURING JUNE-AUGUST PERIOD IN 1977.

POLITICAL TELEGRAMS OF NOTE:

A. B-1108; DEPARTURE OF POLISH AMBASSADOR LUCJAN LIK.

B. B-1224; U.S. MEDICAL VISIT OF MAJOR GENERAL HUSSAIN SADIQ.
NEA MAY WISH TO OFFER COURTESIES.

6. CONCLUSION: SILLY SEASON HAS BEGUN AGAIN OF RUMORS ON
COCKTAIL CIRCUIT OF RENEWED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ASAP. THESE
ARE SURE TO MULTIPLY WHEN PEOPLE NOTICE OUR NEW "17" LICENCE
PLATES.
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